GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:159
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2002
SETTING UP OF EXPORT ORIENTED SUGAR MILLS
GANGASANDRA SIDDAPPA BASAVARAJ;GOWDAR MALLIKARJUNAPPA;IQBAL AHMED SARADGI

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka have come out with a novel concept of allowinghundred per cent export oriented sugar mills for the first time in the country;

(b) if so, whether the main purpose of having a hundred per cent export oriented unit for sugar is to ensure higher returns to the producers and earn foreign exchange by clearing excess production of sugar;

(c) whether the State Government of Karnataka is waiting Union Government`s clearance for itsproposal to allow private sector sugar mills in the State to set up Export Oriented Units sugar mills; and

(d) if so, the time by which the Union Government will give its clearance to the proposal of the State Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(SHRI V.SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): Government of Karnataka had made a proposal in December, 2001 regarding the possibility of extending Export Oriented Unit (EOU) status to sugar industry.The State Government has been informed by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry (Department of Commerce), in January, 2002 that EOU status is not given to any industry. Individual proposals fulfilling the parameters of the Export Oriented Units scheme are given approval for setting up unitsunder the scheme. In view of the foregoing the suggestion for grant of EOU status for sugar industry has not been accepted.